## **MINUTES**

# UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD NOVEMBER 8, 2005

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

R. Lee Ellertson **Board Chair** Ted Black **Board Vice Chair** Robert D. Fazzio **Board Member** D. Blair Camp **Board Member** Steven R. Hamblin **Board Member** Robert B. Stoker **Board Member** A. Joel Frandsen **Board Member Board Member** Tony J. Dearden **Board Member** Gregory L. Allen

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Randal C. Haslam

## **STAFF PRESENT**

State Fire Marshal Ron L. Morris State Fire Marshal=s Office Brent R. Halladay Joan Reed State Fire Marshal=s Office Deanne Mousley State Fire Marshal=s Office Dave Milligan Hazardous Materials Institute Richard Gee Hazardous Materials Institute Howard Lincoln Hazardous Materials Institute Rick Carlile Hazardous Materials Institute DeeEll Fifield Hazardous Materials Institute Patrice Thomas Hazardous Materials Institute Cheryl Luke **Assistant Attorney General** 

Board meeting began at 8:35 AM with Chair Lee Ellertson conducting.

Item #1 on the agenda was Board meeting called to order and welcome to all by Board Chair Lee Ellertson. Chairman Ellertson called the Board meeting to order and excused Troy Mills, and he was out of town to a Juvenile Fire Setter Conference.

Item #2 on the agenda was introduction to the Board by State Fire Marshal Ron Morris of Chief Scott J. Spencer, Payson Fire Department, as the newly appointed Board member representing the Fire Marshals' Association of Utah. Fire Marshal Morris introduced and welcomed Chief Scott Spencer as a new member on the Board and he had Chief Spencer say a few words.

Item #3 on the agenda was approval of the September 13, 2005 Board meeting minutes. Chairman Ellertson entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Steve Hamblin made a motion for the minutes to be approved as written and Robert Fazzio seconded it and all Board members voted in favor.

Item #4 on the agenda was presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to D. Blair Camp by State Fire Marshal Ron Morris for six years of service as a member of the Board. Fire Marshal Morris stated that Chief Camp was unable to attend the meeting today as he was out of town with his family and he would make sure he received his appreciation plaque.

Item #5 on the agenda was presentation to the Board by Chief Deputy Brent Halladay of the items submitted by the State Fire Marshal's Office to the Department of Public Safety, Office of Planning and Budget, and the Legislature for FY2006-2007. Chief Deputy Halladay stated that he had distributed four documents to the Board members which were involved in the increasing of funds for the fiscal year 2007 budget. Brent read over and explained these items that were submitted to the Office of Planning and Budget at the Governor's Office, and Brent stated that this is the first step of getting anything through the Legislature. These proposed requests also were previously approved by the Governor's Office before they can go to the Legislature for approval. Chairman Ellertson asked how these requests would be paid and Chief Deputy Halladay explained that everything in our office is now paid out of the restricted account money along with dedicated credits which we are required to bring in from collection of fees which is approximately \$182,000 from LP Gas, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Hood Suppression, Sprinkler System and Fireworks.

Item #6 on the agenda was presentation to the Board by Chief Deputy Brent Halladay of the proposed fire alarm legislation that was submitted to Rep. Joseph G. Murray for the 2006 Utah State Legislature. Chief Deputy Halladay stated that he had distributed a proposed change to the law entitled Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act and also a separate sheet that was entitled Fact Sheet on Fire Alarm Legislation. Chief Deputy Halladay stated that for a number of years the Fire Alarm Industry has requested and been concerned that they are the only aspect in fire and life safety that are not under some sort of regulatory jurisdiction. We have not done anything with this in the past due to the size of our office and we have so many other responsibilities. This year we have decided to move it forward and had a meeting a few months ago with the Fire Alarm

Industry which we mentioned to the Board and they overwhelmingly voted that they wished to have legislative regulation and they did not wish to be attached with the burglar alarm people at DOPL. They wanted to be under this Board as they felt this Board understood fire better than DOPL and the Burglar Alarm Board. The Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL) has pretty much accepted the fact, and our office has not heard anything back so far in conflict and they will allow this to go forward as a specialty certification like we have Portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire Sprinkler Systems and Automatic Fire Suppression Hood Systems. Brent stated that it is required by state law, that when you regulate a business, it is supposed to go to the Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL), but they have allowed several specialty certifications to go under our office and under this Board's jurisdiction for regulation. Brent said that Representative Joseph G. Murray had been selected and he is a wonderful and very knowledgeable man. Brent then read over the new proposed fire alarm rule with the Board members and audience and there was a short discussion.

Item #7 on the agenda was introduction to the Board by State Fire Marshal Ron Morris of the Hazardous Materials Institute Section that is now a part of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Morris stated that through the reorganization of the Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security Division, the Hazardous Materials Institute has now been transferred over to the Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Morris distributed copies of a new organization chart and he introduced the employees of the Hazardous Materials Institute. Ron also stated that we are happy to have them with us as a part of the Fire Marshal's Office. Also, Ron pointed out on the organization chart that we now have two section managers in the office, Ron Gustaveson and Kim Passey, which should now help to free up a few of Brent's responsibilities. Chairman Ellertson noticed on the chart that Troy had a new job as "Juvenile Fire Starter". Brent stated that Troy has now become our specialist in the office on children setting fires.

Item #8 on the agenda was presentation to the Board by Chief Deputy Brent Halladay, to receive Board approval of the appointment or reappointment of members to the Fire Service Standards and Training Council. Chief Deputy Halladay stated that since Troy was in Oregon at a Conference, he reported that Mr. Eldon Farnsworth, Battalion Chief, South Salt Lake Fire Department, has been a representative on the Standards and Training Council, representing the International Association of Arson Investigators, Utah Chapter, that Mr. Farnsworth has many other responsibilities and he will no longer be serving on this Council, and they have asked that Mr. Gary Hodson, Sergeant, Provo Police Department, and has assisted the fire department for a number of years, be appointed to represent the IAAI Utah Chapter as a member of the Standards & Training Council. Ted Black made a motion to approve Mr. Hodson as the new member and Tony Dearden seconded it and all members voted in favor. Brent stated that Troy is working on two other appointments, Chief Kelly Pitcher from Cache County has retired and so has Merlin Baker from the St. George area. There have not been any replacements found for them yet. Troy also has an EMS position that he is working on

replacing, and in the future the Standards and Training Council is going to be used more by the Fire Prevention Board.

Item #9 on the agenda was presentation to the Board by Chief Deputy Brent Halladay of the newly proposed Administrative Rule, R710-10, Rules Pursuant to Fire Service Training and Education. Chief Deputy Halladay distributed copies of the new rule R710-10, and for the Board's knowledge everything in this rule that was not underlined is currently adopted as a rule in R710-9. Brent stated that the only way he could have done this to show the Board what had been proposed to be added, was not to underline the whole thing which would have been confusing. Brent read through the rule with the Board members and explained different parts of it, and also stated that it was supposed to have gone to the Standards & Training Council but they were unable to get a quorum together so it will have to go to them and then come back to this Board at the January meeting.

Item #10 on the agenda was presentation to the Board by the Chairman of the Fire Service Standards and Training Council on their discussion and decision on R710-10, Rules Pursuant to Fire Service Training and Education. This item will not be taken care of today as there was no quorum for the Fire Service Standards and Training to discuss and decide on this rule, so it will be presented again at the next Board meeting.

Item #11 on the agenda was Old Business. Chief Deputy Halladay stated that he had previously informed the Board that he would be going to the National Fire Code Hearings, but unfortunately at that time his mother passed way and he stayed home with his family.

Item #12 on the agenda was New Business. There was no new business at this time.

Item #13 on the agenda was next Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2006, at 8:30 AM at the South Salt Lake City Council Chambers. Chairman Lee Ellertson adjourned the meeting.